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Sir:

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §708.02, Applicant herein submits the following patents that were located prior to the filing of the instant patent application. The references were located as a result of a search that was conducted through the prior art available at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Specifically, the search was conducted through the U.S. patents and available foreign patents and literature available in Class 473, subclasses 324, 334, 349 and 350, and Design Class 21, subclasses 747, 748 and 749.

U.S. Design Patent No. 361,813 to Guibaud et al. shows a golf club head design having a centrally located cavity back on the rear surface of the iron.

U.S. Patent No. 5,562,551 to Rife shows an iron club head design with a rear cavity in the upper portion of the rear surface, the lower portion being defined by a flat back surface

U.S. Patent No. 6,186,903 to Beebe et al. shows an iron type golf club design with a first lower rear cavity and a second upper rear cavity.

U.S. Patent No. 3,079,157 to Turner shows a sand wedge with a rear weight having a recess provided along the longitudinal mid-portion of the rear of the club head.

U.S. Patent No. 5,722,900 to Sung shows a golf club formed with an upwardly directed rear chamber.

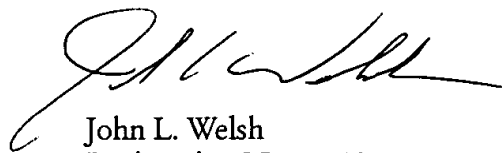
U.S. Design Patent No. 437,625 to Turner shows a golf club head having lower and upper rear cavities.

U.S. Patent No. 6,210,290 to Erickson et al. shows a golf club having upper and lower rear cavities.

Applicant's iron type club head structure differs from the cited prior references. The rear surface has upper and lower portions and an interface area between. The upper portion is defined by a blade type iron structure between the top ridge and the lower portion and the lower portion is defined by a peripheral weight forming a rear cavity between the bottom sole and the upper portion.

These references are, in the belief and opinion of the undersigned, a collection of the closest art of which the applicant is aware as of the date of execution of the declaration in the above-captioned application. None of these patents show the specific rear cavity and upper blade structure of the present invention.

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